

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 21 and 27 and cancel claims 1-20, 23, and 26 without disclaimer or prejudice. The following claims replace all previous claims.

1-20 (cancel)

21. (currently amended) A golf practice cage with at least one ball gathering location, comprising:

a frame residing on a surface;

an enclosure coupled to the frame such that the frame and the enclosure define an area;

at least one opening, the at least one opening allowing access to the area;

a base net coupled to the frame above the surface;

the base net configured to funnel balls to a gathering location;~~and~~

the base net aligned such that balls hit into the area strike the enclosure and drop into the base net, whereby the balls are funneled to the gathering location;

a blocking net coupled to the frame and across the at least one opening wherein the blocking net inhibits balls from rolling beneath the base net; and

a base net hole, the base net hole located in the base net about the gathering location, such that balls funneled to the gathering location drop through the base net hole.

22. (original) The golf practice cage according to claim 21, wherein the base net is further coupled to the enclosure.

23. (cancel)

24. (original) The golf practice cage according to claim 21, further comprising:

a hole, the hole located in the base net about the gathering location such that balls funneled to the gathering location drop through the hole.

25. (original) The golf practice cage according to claim 24, further comprising a bucket releaseably coupled to the hole such that balls drop through the hole and into the bucket.

26. (cancel)

27. (currently amended) The golf practice cage according to claim 21 ~~26~~, further comprising:

a bucket releasably couple to the blocking net hole.